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Title: ***LOCKING DEVICE WITH CONVERTIBLE SHANK INCLUDING
LOCKING METHOD THEREOF***

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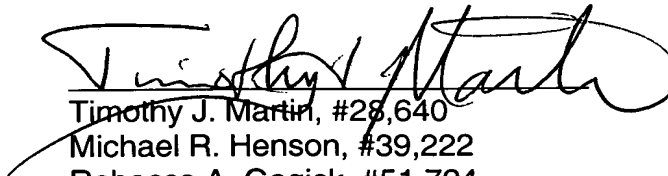
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 27, 2004, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Claims 1-7, drawn to a method of locking a component, classified in class 70, subclass 370. Applicant hereby cancels claims 7-18, without prejudice and subject to all rights to file a divisional application thereon.

If there are any further issues regarding the above-identified patent application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant at the number listed below.

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